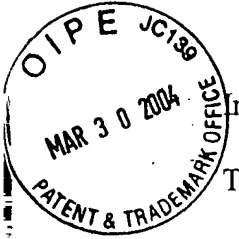


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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant respectfully directs the Examiner's attention to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of each foreign document so listed is enclosed. Copies of U.S. patent documents are not enclosed, pursuant to the Notice published in the Official Gazette dated August 5, 2003.

U.S. Patent 4,313,124
U.S. Patent 4,345,262
U.S. Patent 4,459,600
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English language abstracts for each of the above-noted Japanese references have been located and are enclosed, and an English language translation of Japan 2000-513266 has been downloaded from the Japanese Patent Office web site and is also enclosed. In addition, U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/143475 is believed to be an English language counterpart to Japan 2002-296287; U.S. Patent Application Publication No. is believed to be an English language counterpart to Japan 2002-318232, and U.S. Patent 5,958,342 is believed to be an English language counterpart to Japan 2000-513266.

Inasmuch as this application has not yet received a first Office Action on the merits, it is believed that this Information Disclosure Statement is timely. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3).

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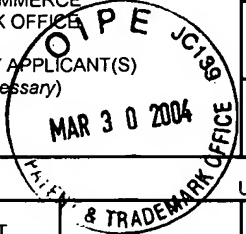
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